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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VII REGULAR MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION  
AND NEGOTIATION (CECON)

REF: (A) STATE 106423; (B) STATE 103947

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH MINISTRIES OF ECONOMY, FINANCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS LAST WEEK. IT APPEARS THAT GON HAS NOT TAKEN ANY ADVANCE POSITION ON ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE AT BUENOS AIRES, MAY 17-23. HOWEVER, LIC. JOSE BENITO MARIN, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AT FINANCE MINISTRY AND MEMBER OF GON DELEGATION TO BUENOS AIRES MEETING, SPENT LAST WEEK IN CARACAS FOR MEETING OF CIAT (CENTRO INTERAMERICANO DE ADMINISTRACION TRIBUTARIA). ALTHOUGH MARIN PROBABLY CONSULTED WITH OTHER LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMISTS THERE CONCERNING BA MEETING, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT POSITIONS MAY HAVE EMERGED.

2. FINMIN GENERAL GUSTAVO MONTIEL BERMUDEZ TOLD EMBOFF THAT NICARAGUA AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, NOEL SACASA, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO HEAD GON DELEGATION TO CECON, REPRESENTING MONTIEL. DR. HOLMAN RIOS MONTIEL, OFICIAL MAYOR OF FINANCE MINISTRY, WILL BE THIRD MEMBER OF GON DELEGATION.

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3. GENERAL MONTIEL INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT HE LOOKS UPON BOTH RIOS AND MARIN AS PROTEGES WHOSE CAREERS HE WANTS TO ADVANCE. COMMENT: MANY REGARD GENERAL MONTIEL AS THE SECOND MOST POWERFUL MAN IN NICARAGUA, AFTER PRESIDENT SOMOZA. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WELL-PLACED OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES WHO OWE ALLEGIANCE TO HIM RATHER THAN TO THEIR NOMINAL SUPERIORS. HENCE, U.S. DELEGATION MAY FIND IT WORTHWHILE, TIME PERMITTING, TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MARIN

AND RIOS. THEY MIGHT WELL BE FORTHCOMING AS TO LATIN AMERICAN  
DELIBERATIONS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY U.S. DEL  
RE LATTER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THESE TWO NICARAGUANS.  
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